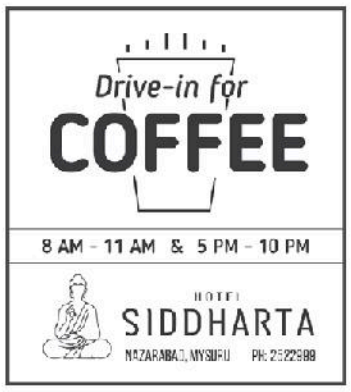

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Winter Session begins at Belagavi

Belagavi, Dec. 9- The Winter Session of the State Legislature began at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi this morning.

Soon after the Session began, the victorious Congress candidates in the three bypolls — C.P. Yogeshwar from Channapatna in Ramanagara district, Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan from Shiggaon in Haveri district and E. Annapoorna Tukaram from Sandur (Ballari district) took oath as MLAs.

Sources said that five important Bills would come up for discussion in the Legislative Assembly. Two Bills to replace Ordinances would be taken up for consideration and three private Bills will be taken up for discussion.

The Session on the first day witnessed a showdown between the Congress and the BJP over issues such as Waqf Board row and deaths of lactating mothers at Ballari Government Hospital, besides others. BJP is also all set to move adjournment motions over Waqf and Health sector issues bothering the State.

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Traffic offenders BEWARE!

- **Police may knock at your door**
- **Rs. 240 crore fine pending in city**

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (RK&BCT)- If you have received a penalty notice for violating traffic rules and haven't paid the fine, the Traffic Police may soon be knocking on your door to collect the dues.

The Mysuru City Traffic Police, ramping up their efforts against violations, are now visiting the doorsteps of violators to recover outstanding fines amounting Rs. 239,80,55,300.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that this drive will continue until the outstanding dues are fully recovered.

The outstanding fines in Mysuru alone have reached nearly Rs. 249 crore. The primary focus is on individuals with more than 10 violation cases linked to their vehicles. "Some vehicles have 15 to 20 violation cases. Along with home visits, we are also conducting road checks. If any such vehicle is spotted, we will collect all pending fines for that particular vehicle," said Traffic Police Officers.

To promote discipline and accountability, the Traffic Police have decided to visit the homes of repeat offenders and issue notices demanding payment of outstanding fines. A team consisting of an ASI and two Constables will also engage with offenders and their families, offering a pep talk to raise awareness and instil better traffic sense, officers said.

50 percent rebate

In 2022, a total of 10,30,771 traffic violation cases were booked, resulting in the collection of Rs. 6,52,70,500. In 2023, this number increased to 11,68,888 offenders, with Rs. 17,35,39,550 collected.

The increase in collections can be attributed to a 50 percent rebate announced by the State Government.

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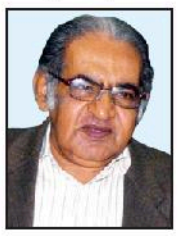
Prof. V.K. Nataraj passes away



Prof. Nataraj

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Prof. V.K. Nataraj (85), former Registrar, University of Mysore and a resident of 4th Main, Jayalakshmipuram, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Prof. Nataraj was scheduled to take part in the panel discussion on the topic 'Is caste census necessary for social justice?' organised by Mysore Open Forum in city yesterday, but the event was cancelled following his ill health.

The mortal remains of Prof. Nataraj will be kept at his residence till tomorrow morning for the public to pay their last respects following which his body will be donated to JSS Hospital at 11 am, according to family sources.

Profile: Born on Oct. 6, 1939, Prof. V.K. Nataraj studied Economics at University of Mysore (UoM) and M Litt. at Oxford University. He had served as the Professor at Institute of Development Studies, UoM.

He had been a Research Fellow at the University of York, UK and Senior Research Officer, National Institute for Training in Industrial Engineering in Mumbai. He was also a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.

He was a Visiting Faculty for several Universities including the University of Sussex, UK, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, Delhi. After retirement, he had served as the Director of Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 9th December 2024

Impressionz presents two-day Vaishnavi Silks expo in city

The two-day Vaishnavi Silks expo, organised by Impressionz in the Boardroom of Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city, was inaugurated this morning. Seen in the picture are (from left) Designer Prabhat, guest Shubha Achaiah, Organiser Krupa Sumanth and Dhanya Gowda. The expo will be open today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8 pm.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

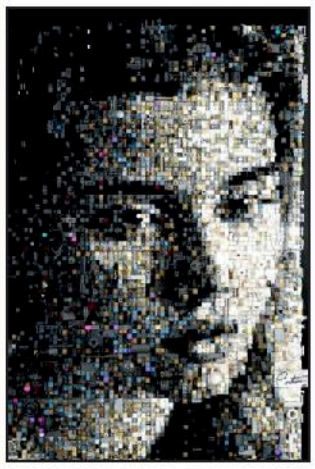
GREATNESS OF GURU'S GRACE: ***If people undertake good deeds, God bestows His blessings by helping them get the companionship of good Acharyas. Sri Ramanujamji said in a discourse that hearing Godly deeds and stories is a*** *"tapas"* ***and is also the easiest. Prahlada says hearing is the first step of the nine steps prescribed for devotion. Srimad Bhagavatham says King Parikshit derived divine blessings by listening to sage Sukha. Sage Yagnya Valkya says in*** *Brihadaranya Upanishad* ***that hearing is a necessary process for self-realisation. Uthukkadu Venkata Kavi says nothing is impossible through listening to the story of God.***

A verse in *Swetasvatara Upanishad* ***says*** *(yasya deve para bhakti)* ***that a person showing devotion to God will get more clarifications on sastras by showing the same to his Guru. Saint Thiruvalluvar says listening is the wealth of wealth and the greatest of all wealth*** *(selvathul Selvam — kural 411). Chandokya Upanishad* ***narrates Guru's greatness through the story of a disciple called Upakosalan. He rendered for 12 years the service of protecting three*** *Agnikundas* ***for the performance of*** *homas* ***and pleased with it, the three Agni deities, satisfied with the service to his Guru, taught Upakosalan about self-realisation and asked to hear further from the Guru. The Guru Jabali was delighted and taught him all the vidyas.***

Without Gurukrupa, there are no blessings from God. Without God's blessings, there is no devotion; without devotion, there is no liberation. Without liberation, there is no peace of mind. Without Guru's blessings, Goddess Mahalakshmi will not shower her grace. *"Guru Arul Illaiyel Thiru Arul Illai." — In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

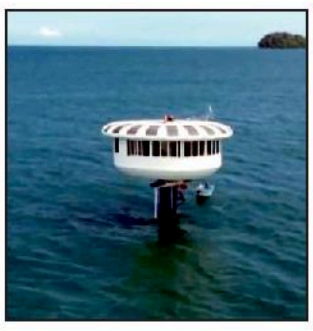
The 3D LEGO portraits of Gerardo Pontiérr



Mexico City: Gerardo Pontiérr is an innovative artist from Mexico, who uses thousands of individual LEGO bricks to create incredible works of art, including detailed 3D human portraits.

Gerardo Pontiérr has been using LEGO for as long as he can remember. He first started playing with the colourful plastic bricks when he was only two years old and developed such a passion for it that by age 10 he was already a World Champion LEGO Builder. His interest and love for the Danish-invented building system only grew with age, allowing him to use LEGO to create some truly incredible things. Pontiérr may not be the first to use LEGO as an artistic medium, but he can be credited for taking LEGO art to a whole new level of mastery.

Man tries to break record for living underwater



Puerto Lindo: A 59-year-old man is more than 60 days into his attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the longest time spent living in an underwater fixed habitat.

Rüdiger Koch, an aerospace engineer, has been living and working for two months in an underwater capsule off the coast of Puerto Lindo, Panama, in the Caribbean Sea.

He began his record attempt on Sept. 26 and plans to emerge on Jan. 24, after spending 120 days underwater.

The current record for the longest time spent living in an underwater is 100 days and was set by Joseph Dituri off the Florida coast in 2023.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Typhoid Fever, Cause: This bacterial infection is caused by Salmonella typhi, commonly spread through contaminated food or water.
Symptoms: High fever, abdominal pain, weakness, and either diarrhoea or constipation.

By Dr. Veeresh J - Associate Consultant - Internal Medicine Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS STU signs MoU with IN-SPACe

Mysuru, Dec. 9 - Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), Department of Space, Government of India and JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for executing a student satellite project, named JNANAM (JSS Nanosatellite for Applications in Medicine).

The MoU covers support from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and its various centres for the students and faculty of JSS STU in design, realisation, testing of JNANAM cubesat and post-launch support.

The MoU also enables JSS STU to access various ISRO facilities on non-exclusive basis for satellite design, testing and seeking post launch support for the in-orbit satellite. The satellite is planned to be launched in the first quarter of next year.

JNANAM is a unique student satellite project from institutions under JSS Mahavidyapeetha that aims to conduct spectroscopy experiment in space to study the effects of microgravity and space radiations on drug samples, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	Harangi DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **124.80 feet**	Today's level **2,280.33 feet**	Today's level **2,836.39 feet**
Last year's level **96.34 feet**	Last year's level **2,273.98 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.06 feet**
Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.23 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,836.44 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,635 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,033 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **470 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,425 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **275 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Black panthers are very rare in the wild. Some scientists estimate they make up only 11% of the leopard population.***
- ***Black panthers are strong swimmers. They are known to swim across rivers and lakes in search of prey. Some black panthers have been observed swimming across rivers and lakes that are up to 6 miles wide.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Sunny: Look, look, a bunch of cows.
Bunty: Not bunch, 'Herd.'
Sunny: 'Heard' what?
Bunty: I mean a cow herd.
Sunny: Who cares if a cow heard? I don't have any secrets from them!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 107.80
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.07
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.28

VOICE OF THE READER

A student's plea to save Koorgalli

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ
ಈ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಸವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದವರಿಗೆ
ದಂಡ ವಿಧಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.
KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
PERSONS WILL BE PROSECUTED WHO PUT
THE GARBAGE IN THIS PLACE

Sir,

The once beautiful green area of Koorgalli, Mysuru, is being gobbled up by immense amount of garbage thrown in the area.

This green patch of land next to Excel Public School is a truly breathtaking sight for passers-by, the main attraction being the small lake which is home to birds.

Though this might seem a real paradise, which it is, the local residents, however, have been carelessly using this beautiful landscape to dispose of waste.

As a result, this place has become dirty in recent times with plastic being a common sight.

A signboard has been put there by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) mentioning that persons who put garbage in this place will be prosecuted. But the signboard is of no use. Sadly, a lot of the waste is also thrown into the lake which means that birds will eat it and can be a serious health hazard.

Therefore, I feel that action must be taken against those who throw garbage in this land and the lake. I also request that dustbins be placed in the area for proper waste disposal.

Not just Koorgalli, many green areas in Mysuru are becoming areas for waste disposal. So I wish that by providing dustbins in such areas, the beauty of these areas can be preserved.

Hope my plea will create awareness among the people to save Koorgalli and other such green areas of Mysuru.

—Shubhan Dharwadkar,
Excel Public School
Mysuru
2.12.2024

CISF launches e-Service Book for Pension and Service Management

Mysuru, Dec. 9- As part of the Government of India's "National Digital India" initiative, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has launched its e-Service Book portal, which will be accessible to all Force members.

The new initiative is designed to streamline and expedite the pension processing system for its retiring personnel to ensure that they get all pensionary benefits on date of retirement itself.

As of now, the physical transfer of Service Book delays payment of retirement dues by several months. It will also benefit its serving personnel by providing them online access to Service Book and ensure its updation.

One of the key features of the e-Service Book is its real-time tracking capability. Stakeholders can now monitor the status of pension files in real-time, ensuring transparency and accountability.

This eliminates the need for constant follow-ups and provides timely updates to all concerned parties. This will directly benefit nearly 2,400 personnel who retire every year.

The current system, involves physical transfer of Service Books between multiple offices, often leading to delays and errors. This is particularly problematic for units located in remote areas, as the process becomes more time-consuming and prone to mistakes.

To address these issues and ensure timely pension disbursement, designing of an online portal was conceived after incorporating the inputs from Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (Pr. CCA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Pay and Accounts Offices/Regional Pay & Accounts Offices (PAO/RAPOs) before giving it a final shape, stated a press release from Deepak Verma, Deputy Inspector General (INT), CISF.

Another major benefit of the e-Service Book is that it serves as a collaborative platform. All stakeholders, including parent unit, higher administrative formations and RPAO/PAO can now collaborate seamlessly on a single platform. This fosters efficient communication, prompt resolution of queries and timely updation of service data.

By ensuring accuracy and completeness of service records, the e-Service Book helps in-service personnel plan their career progression and retirement benefits effectively. Overall, the CISF's e-Service Book is a major step towards modernising pension processing system and enhancing service experience for CISF personnel. By providing efficient, transparent and convenient service, CISF aims to set new benchmarks in service delivery.

3rd Edition of Ability Sports League T20

Cycle Pure Agarbathi extends support

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Cycle Pure Agarbathi, India's leading agarbathi manufacturer, is extending support as title sponsors of Ability Sports League T20 (previously, Karnataka Wheelchair Premier League) to be held from Dec.10 to 17 at Alur KSCA Grounds on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The 3rd Edition of T20 League will provide wheelchair athletes an opportunity to showcase their unique talents and abilities. This is the first South Asian Wheelchair Cricket League, offering athletes a platform to represent future of India's wheelchair cricket team.

Launched in 2018, the League offers over 600 players in wheelchairs with the chance to showcase their talents and play for an international league.

Cycle Pure Agarbathi has further extended their support by supplying 90 players from six teams with helmets, gloves, pads, bats and kits.

Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi said, "We believe in the power of sports to inspire and unite communities. Supporting the Karnataka Wheelchair Premier League is our way of supporting the incredible athletes who demonstrate strength, resilience and determination. We are proud to contribute to this platform that celebrates inclusivity and empowers individuals to achieve greatness, regardless of the challenges they face."

NEWS BRIEFS

Free Health Check-up Camp

NJS Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, will be conducting a free health check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, near Mandi Police Station, Kabir Road, Mysuru, from 9.30 am to 2 pm tomorrow (Dec. 10). For details, contact Mob: 94487-53597 or 99161-55453 or 94487-38657.

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue

The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue will take place during the National Youth Festival to be held in New Delhi on Jan. 11 and 12, 2025. The dialogue will convene around 3,000 youths selected from three different sectors who will get an opportunity to interact with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Last date to register is Dec. 10. For details and registration, visit: *https://mybharat.gov.in/* OR call Ph: 0821-2564179 or Mob:93805-23132.

Calling SC/ST Sports persons

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has invited applications from SC/ ST community sports persons, who have won medals at State, National and International Sports Meets in the 2023 calendar year (1.1.2023 to 31.12.2023), to avail financial aid under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). The applicants must be from Karnataka. Interested may submit the prescribed application forms and submit at the Department Office located in Chamundi Vihar Stadium premises, before Dec. 21. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2564179.

Ph.D awardees

N. Maheshwari has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Ganga Padekal Avara Sahityada Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.M. Talawar.

V. Renuka Bai has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration by the Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, for her thesis 'Consumers Preferences Towards Consumer Durables in Rural Market - A Study with Special Reference to Malnad Region of Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Hiremani Naik.

SC/ST nomadic families in dire straits: Officials taken to task

SC, ST Nomadic Development Corporation Chief G. Pallavi speaks after district tour

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MK&BS)- G. Pallavi, Chairperson of Karnataka Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities Development Corporation, has criticised local officials for their reluctance to extend Government Schemes to SC/ST nomadic families, who continue to live without basic amenities.

Speaking to reporters at the Deputy Commissioner's Office after her three-day district tour recently, Pallavi expressed concern over the plight of nomadic families in Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R. Nagar, T. Narasipur, H.D. Kote and Sargur taluks. "We received numerous grievances during the tour. Local officials have been directed to address these issues and I will submit a detailed report to the Government urging immediate action," she said.

Highlighting specific cases, Pallavi noted that 25 Dombara families in Kebbe Koppal village, Hunsur taluk, have been living without permanent housing for 70 years. They face caste-based discrimination, including denial of access to Government burial grounds and lack basic facilities like education.

G. Pallavi, Chairperson of Karnataka SC and ST Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities Development Corporation, addressing media persons at the DC's Office in city recently as others look on.

Similarly, 80 Handi Jogi families in Rampura, Saligrama taluk, are homeless, while most residents of Ambedkar Colony in Hunsur taluk, including 33 Dombara and 30 Jenu Kuruba families, lack essential identification documents like Aadhaar Card and Voter IDs.

The plight of other communities is equally dire. No sites have been allotted to the Dongri Gerasia community in Mangaluru Mala, Hunsur taluk, while over 6,000 residents in 38 hamlets of Periyapatna taluk are still awaiting Voter IDs. In Davangere Colony, T. Narsipur, identified land remains unallocated, leaving families in limbo.

Pallavi called for urgent measures to address the grievances of residents in Golur, H.D. Kote and Yeshwantpur, Sargur, as well.

Special Officer to the Chairperson B.S. Anand Kumar, Social Welfare Department Joint Director Rangegowda and District SC/ ST Implementation Committee Member Ravikumar N. Kodagahalli were present during the media interaction.

Vents ire against DC for skipping tour

State SC/ST Nomadic Development Corporation Chief Pallavi has expressed disappointment over the absence of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) during her recent three-day district tour. The DC also serves as the Chairman of the District Implementation Committee of the Corporation.

Speaking to the media, Pallavi said, "Despite prior intimation about the tour schedule a week in advance, the DC neither made a courtesy visit nor a call. While other officers accompanied me, the key official's absence was glaring. Even though the meeting schedule was finalised in consultation with the DC, the excuse offered for skipping the meeting was unacceptable. I will escalate this matter to higher authorities." Pallavi assured that she would revisit the district soon to ensure the grievances and demands of the nomadic families are addressed effectively.

Next, State Women's Corporation to disburse loan: Chairperson G. Padmavathi

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MTY&BS)- G. Padmavathi, Chairperson of Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation, said, it has been decided to provide loan from the Corporation itself for the women and sex workers to explore self-employment opportunities.

She was addressing the gathering during the progress review meeting of various schemes of Women's Corporation, organised at Stree Shakti Bhavan in the premises of Women and Child Development Department, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, in city recently.

Padmavathi said, it has come to notice that, despite the Government launching various schemes to encourage self-employment initiatives among women, sexual minorities and sex workers to lead the life of self-reliance, the Banks are reluctant to advance loan to them. They were deprived of loan despite being eligible for the same. In this wake, it has been decided to provide loan directly from the Corporation to enable the eligible beneficiaries, she added.

G. Padmavathi (fourth from right), Chairperson of Karnataka State Women's Development Corporation, lighting the lamp to inaugurate progress review meeting of various schemes of the Corporation in city recently.

There were several complaints about inordinate delay among the Banks in disbursing loan to the beneficiaries, despite the Government sanctioning loan and subsidy amount on time. The officials had discussed about this with the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the officers of Women and Child Development Department. The officials have positively responded and the Women's Corporation will take steps at the earliest to disburse loan.

In the meantime, action will be taken to clear the hurdles if any at the Government level itself, by holding a meeting with Lead Bank officials at the respective districts level, said Padmavathi.

To extend various benefits to sexual minorities too, the Government has initiated a survey. Apart from covering sexual minorities under Anna Bhagya Scheme, the Government has been providing the benefits of Gruha Lakshmi monthly financial assistance too, said Padmavathi.

She also informed that, Women's Corporation has been allocated a sum of Rs. 95 crore by the Government, with a request made to grant additional funds. With the Banks not facilitating the implementation of various subsidised loan schemes under different programmes, Rs. 58 crore is lying unutilised with the Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC).

Certificates were distributed to the beneficiaries of various schemes on the occasion.

Women and Child Development Department Deputy Director Basavaraju, District Officer B. Manjunath, Development Inspector H.V. Jagadamba,

Child Development Planning Officers (CDPO) Thibbaiah, Rohit, Annaiah and Govinda, Stree Shakti Okkuta President Prema Kumari, Mamatha and office-bearers of several organisations were present during the progress review meeting.

Yuva Brigade leads Kapila River Cleaning Drive

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (BCT)- The 16-pillared mantapa, commonly called Hadinaaru Kaalu Mantapa at Kapila River in Nanjangud near the Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple, a symbol of heritage and devotion, shone once again thanks to the efforts of the Yuva Brigade and local volunteers.

Determined to preserve the beauty and sanctity of the site, the youth-led team took on the daunting task of clearing silt and debris that had accumulated during the recent floods, forming an island-like mound around the structure.

With no action from authorities despite months of inaction, the Yuva Brigade stepped in. Their cleaning drive, part of the larger 'Namami Kapila' initiative, began early on a Saturday morning (Dec. 7) and continued over the weekend.

Over 40 volunteers, including NCC cadets and children from Makkala Mane, worked tirelessly to remove approximately 4-5 tractor loads of ritual waste, including discarded clothes, photo frames, wedding invitations and other offerings left in the river.

The silt surrounding the mantapa had reached a height of five feet, severely impacting the flow of the river and diminishing the structure's grandeur. Though initially considering the use of heavy machinery like JCBs, the team resorted to manual labour due to logistical challenges. Their determination paid off as they restored the mantapa to its former glory.

Yuva Brigade Coordinator Chandrashekhar, District Coordinator Nitin, Makkala Mane Founder Somasekhar, Sunil, Girish, Suri, Satish, Mohan, Prajwal, Ravi, Krishna Jois, Srinivas, Chandan, Ravi Shastri, Anurag and NCC cadets participated in this cleaning drive.

The 'Namami Kapila' campaign, which has been conducted regularly for over a decade, aims to maintain the cleanliness and sanctity of the Kapila River. The drive has set an example of how collective action can protect cultural and natural treasures.

Bannimantap Welfare Assn. formed

The following have been elected as office-bearers of the newly formed Bannimantap Welfare Association in Mysuru: Hon. President - MLA Tanveer Sait, President - C. Guruswamy, General Secretary - Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, Secretary - Abdul Salam; Vice-Presidents - Abdul Khadar Sait, Anjum Baig, Bashir Naushad, Habib-ur-Rahaman and S. Ramanna; Joint Secretaries - Prasanna Kumar and S. Siddaraju; Organising Secretaries - Nanjegowda and Muhammad Mubeen Sait; Treasurer - Syed Sibgathulla. Picture shows the office-bearers handing over the registration certificate of the Association to Hon. President Tanveer Sait recently.

Mekedatu balancing reservoir project

Substitute land located across three districts

5,096.22 hectares of forest land, 160.81 hectares of private land to be submerged

Bengaluru, Dec. 9 (BCT)- The Water Resources Department has made progress in identifying alternative land to compensate for the forest area required for the Mekedatu project.

Meetings with the Deputy Commissioners of Ramanagara, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts are scheduled to finalise land acquisition and compensation matters in the coming days.

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project, aimed at ensuring a sustainable drinking water supply for Bengaluru, has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). The proposal also includes the mandatory documents required for securing environmental clearance.

Extent of land

The Mekedatu project necessitates the acquisition of 5,096.22 hectares of forest land. This includes 4,776.67 hectares from the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary and 229.6 hectares of reserved forest land, which will be submerged due to reservoir construction and related activities.

To offset this, the Government has identified 7,404.62 hectares of alternative land, comprising C and D category lands and deemed forest areas in the districts of Ramanagara, Mandya and Chamarajanagar. A significant portion — 53 percent — of the identified land lies within Ramanagara district.

The process of acquiring this land and transferring it to the Forest Department is yet to commence. The Water Resources Department has stated that tasks such as fixing land prices and completing formalities related to the acquisition will begin soon.

Pending approval

Although the proposal for forest land acquisition has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the project has hit a roadblock as approval is still pending. The MoEFCC must review the proposal and forward it to the National Wildlife Board for further evaluation and clearance.

Officials warn that any further delays in this approval process could disrupt the project's timeline and increase costs, creating additional hurdles for its execution.

Impact on local villages

The Mekedatu project will have a direct impact on five villages: Sangama, Muthathi, Madivala, Koggedoddi and Bommasandra. These areas will witness the submergence of 160.81 hectares of private land. Additionally, 233 families residing in these villages will be displaced.

Plans for the rehabilitation and resettlement of the affected families are in the pipeline. Officials have assured that suitable compensation and relocation packages will be finalised and implemented in consultation with stakeholders.

FORM G
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR GJS INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED OPERATING IN CONSTRUCTION OF FLATS AT MYSORE
(Under sub-regulation (1) of regulation 36A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS		
1.	Name of the corporate debtor along with PAN & CIN/ LLP No.	GJS INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED PAN:AADCG5826A CIN:U45200TG2009PTC065762
2.	Address of the registered office	Plot No: 852&853, Sri Swamy Ayyappa Co Operative Society, Road No. 45, Madhapur; Hitech City, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500 081, India.
3.	URL of website	Not Available
4.	Details of place where majority of fixed assets are located	Construction of flats at Mysore
5.	Installed capacity of main products/ services	Semi-finished flats at Mysore
6.	Quantity and value of main products/ services sold in last financial year	Activity stopped long back
7.	Number of employees/ workmen	Company does not have any employee on roll as per records available with RP.
8.	Further details including last available financial statements (with schedules) of two years, lists of creditors are available at URL:	Can be sought by sending request to Resolution Professional: gjscirp@yahoo.com
9.	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at URL:	Can be sought by sending request to Resolution Professional: gjscirp@yahoo.com
10.	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	19.12.2024
11.	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	24.12.2024
12.	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	29.12.2024
13.	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	04.01.2025
14.	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	07.01.2025
15.	Last date for submission of resolution plans	23-01-2025
16.	Process email id to submit Expression of Interest	E-Mail: gjscirp@yahoo.com

Place:09-12-2024
Date: Hyderabad

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Residents slam doors on e-Swathu awareness staff

At MGP meeting, MCC Zonal Commissioners mention disrespectful behaviour by some residents

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (SPN&BCT)- While attempting to raise awareness about e-Swathu through a door-to-door campaign, residents often shut their doors on staff, lamented Anand, Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zonal Office 8 and Mahesh Kumar Jigani, Commissioner of MCC Zone Office 4.

At the monthly meeting held on Sunday at the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) office on Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, chaired by MGP President Srishaila Ramannanavar, challenges faced by the public in obtaining e-Khata, e-Swathu, and e-Design services were discussed.

The officers highlighted the difficulties in effectively reaching the public with these digital initiatives. Implementing e-Swathu and e-Khata is meant to benefit residents, but when efforts are made to raise awareness, many turn away and shut their doors, they lamented. Expressing frustration, they called such behaviour towards MCC staff disrespectful.

According to Anand, only 50 percent of residents in his zone and others have obtained e-Khata certification for their properties so far. He pointed out that the remaining residents either show no interest in acquiring e-Khata or face delays due to a lack of required supplementary documents.

With the State Government making e-Khata compulsory for property registration, the initiative is designed to curb fraud and illegal activities.

Sluggish pace of e-Khata

However, members at the meeting expressed concerns over the sluggish pace of e-Khata distribution at MCC Zonal Offices. They also highlighted how the process has become a breeding ground for corruption, undermining the initiative's intent to ensure transparency and fairness.

Anand addressed concerns by stating that their zone has over 18,000 Khata holders, while Zone Office 4 has more than 20,000. Efforts are being made through awareness campaigns and door-to-door visits to educate property owners about obtaining e-Khata and e-Swathu. However, the process is riddled with challenges and inefficiencies.

Demand for bribes

MGP members pointed out that some MCC staff directly demand bribes of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 from applicants, even when all their documents are in order. Despite waiting for over a year, many applicants have not received their e-Khata certificates.

Some residents, unable to endure the delays, have reluctantly paid the bribes to expedite the process. Members urged Anand to escalate these issues to the MCC Commissioner for immediate resolution.

Root cause

The root of the problem lies in the historical development of revenue sites and B-Khata sites within MCC limits, explained Mahesh. Decades ago, individuals built homes in urban areas without obtaining Khatas.

Issuing e-Khata for these properties remains a significant challenge. Furthermore, software glitches exacerbate delays, as rectifying errors in e-Khata records is time-consuming.

Members also complained about persistent delays in Zone Office 4. Many applicants, despite submitting all required documents months ago, have yet to receive their e-Khata. They accused lower-level staff of intentionally creating obstacles to solicit bribes, dragging the proces.

Old documents sought

Another major hurdle is the demand for outdated permission documents. Residents applying for e-Khata for houses built over a decade ago are often asked to produce construction approvals from the time of building.

Many homeowners do not retain such old documents, leaving them stuck in bureaucratic red tape. Senior citizens, who frequently visit these offices, face particular hardship navigating the cumbersome process. Members at the meeting urged officials to ensure proper guidance and a streamlined approach for these vulnerable groups.

Shobhana, P.M. Bhat, D.V. Dayanandasagar, K.V. Ramanath, Bhamy V. Shenoy, G. Sridhar, H.T. Raviprashanth, S.V. Shankar, K.G. Shashidhar, Sudhakar, Dr. G. Panduranga Murthy, K.V. Bhanuprashanth, Vishwanath, Arun Kumar Shettar, Prabha Nandish, Ravishankar Bale, M. Janakiram, U.R. Chetan, D. Ravindra, Rajashankarappa, N. Meenakshi, Manjunath, Rakesh, B.K. Prasanna were present.

'SME Connect' seminar on Dec. 11

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) - Karnataka State Council, in association with the Government of Karnataka, Invest Karnataka Forum, has organised an insightful and transformative seminar on 'SME Connect' at Hotel Southern Star in Mysuru on Dec. 11 from 10 am to 1.30 pm.

The seminar will provide MSME entrepreneurs with a comprehensive refresher on the evolving dynamic landscape of business. Registration link: ***https://meet.ficci.in/invitee-form.asp?ev-id=11112459882428***. For details, contact Ashwin Srirangaraj on Mob: 93425-09003 or Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) on Ph: 0821-4250246.

Traffic offenders beware

YEAR	CASES BOOKED	FINE AMOUNT COLLECTED
2022	10,30,771	Rs. 6,52,70,500
2023	11,68,888	Rs. 17,35,39,550
2024	21,23,374	Rs. 5,20,98,800
PENDING FINES: Rs. 239,80,55,300		

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The rebate allowed violators to settle their pending dues with a 50 percent concession. By Nov. 30, 2024, 21,23,374 cases had been booked, with Rs. 5,20,98,800 collected.

Helmetless riding common

Helmetless riding remains a common offence. In 2022, 5,08,514 riders were penalised for not wearing helmets, while 6,48,285 cases were booked in 2023. In 2024, this number rose to 8,86,691 cases.

Similarly, the number of people penalised for driving without seatbelts has surged. In 2022, 4,219 individuals were booked and in 2023, 6,786 cases were registered. However, by 2024, a significant jump occurred, with 5,06,436 people booked for not wearing seatbelts.

This rise in offences is largely due to the installation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras across Mysuru. Totally, 2,90,971 traffic violation cases were booked in 2022, 3,65,657 cases in 2023 and 3,99,770 cases have been booked in 2024, till Nov. 30.

413 cameras in city

Mysuru has 413 cameras on roads, junctions, circles and major intersections. Among them, 55 are AI cameras, 58 CCTV cameras, 50 ANPR cameras, 250 surveillance cameras, primarily for law and order enforcement.

Winter Session begins at Belagavi

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More importantly, the Opposition BJP will raise issues such as the muddle over BPL cards, the mega MUDA sites scam, misappropriation of ST Development Corporation funds and alleged corruption in the Excise Department as the Session progresses.

The Congress, on its part, is likely to argue that the previous BJP Government had issued far more Waqf notices and the ongoing process is only a continuation of the policy. But the BJP is all set to target the Congress Government by taking the issue further since some temples across the State too have received notices.

Prior to the start of the Session, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah unveiled a painting of Anubhava Mantapa done by a group of artists. The CM also inaugurated an exhibition of rare photographs of the 1924 National Congress Session held at Belagavi which was chaired by Mahatma Gandhi. The exhibition organised by Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) in the premises of SVS marking the centenary celebrations of the 1924 Congress Session, has the title 'Baalaka Mohandas to Mahatma.'

As many as 2,500 staff of various Departments and nearly 6,000 Police personnel have been deployed for the Session.

Meanwhile, it is learnt the Session, which was scheduled to be held from Dec.9 to 20, has been cut short by a day on account of Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya from Dec.20 to 22.

Camera system glitches lead to wrong penalties

We are rectifying errors in AI systems: Police

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (RK&BCT)- There have been several instances where traffic violation notices have been mistakenly sent by Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems to two-wheeler riders for not wearing seatbelts and four-wheeler drivers for not wearing helmets.

Additionally, riders have been wrongly penalised for triple riding, when only one person was on the vehicle. Other issues with AI cameras include vehicles being penalised for overspeeding on Ring Road and Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, while in reality, the vehicles were either parked at home or in a workshop. There have also been cases where a four-wheeler received a notice for a violation committed by a two-wheeler and vice versa.

Addressing these anomalies in camera identification and image accuracy, Traffic Police acknowledged that such issues are to be expected with the introduction of new AI systems.

"These are rare occurrences, happening in one out of a thousand cases. We are actively working to eliminate errors and ensure proper verification of vehicle registration details to prevent mistakes. In case such errors occur, people can approach Traffic Police," said an officer.

Caught in 7th attempt: Fake gold fraud at Kodagu DCC Bank

One arrested; cases against two Bank jewellery appraisers for certifying fake gold as genuine

Madikeri, Dec. 9 (PS&BCT)- The Kodagu District Police have arrested K.A. Muhammad Rizwan from Kakkabbe-Kunjila for allegedly defrauding the Kodagu District Central Cooperative (KDCC) Bank by pawning fake gold jewellery to obtain a loan of Rs. 15.13 lakh.

Rizwan

One more person B.A. Moosa from Emmemadu village also is in the dock for pawning fake gold at the same Bank to obtain a loan of Rs. 79,000. The Police have registered a case against four people, including two Bank jewellery appraisers M.A. Charan Kumar and E.L. Suresh.

Interestingly, Rizwan pawned a total of 278.03 grams of fake gold for six times and took a loan of Rs. 15.13 lakh from the KDCC Bank. He was caught when he came to pledge fake gold for the seventh time.

Muhammad Rizwan attempted to pawn 8 fake bangles at the Bank's main branch on Dec. 4, which were identified as fake. His past offences came to light after the Bank authorities conducted a review of the gold he had pawned earlier and found that Charan Kumar and Suresh allegedly assisted the fraudsters.

Past history of fraud

Rizwan had taken a loan of Rs. 1.56 lakh by pawning a 29.20-gram necklace at the College Road Branch of the Bank on Nov. 25. On Nov. 29, he pledged 8 bangles weighing 64.15 grams at the same branch and took a loan of Rs. 3.62 lakh.

On Dec. 3, at the same branch, he pledged 8 bangles weighing 64.37 grams and took a loan of Rs. 3.60 lakh. On the same day, he pledged 7 bangles weighing 55.95 grams and took a loan of Rs. 3.10 lakh.

On Oct. 19, he pledged 6 bangles weighing 47.97 grams at the main branch and took a loan of Rs. 2.35 lakh. On Oct. 28, he pawned 2 bangles weighing 16.37 grams at the same branch and took a loan of Rs. 90,000.

Rizwan pledged a total of 278.03 grams of fake jewellery at both branches, securing a loan of Rs. 15.13 lakh. After he was caught at the Bank on Dec. 4, the Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies in the CEO Office of the KDCC Bank, Praveen B. Naik filed a complaint at the Madikeri Town Police Station.

Following the exposure of this case, an inspection of the jewellery pledged at the Bank revealed that B.A. Moosa from Emmemadu had pawned 16.15 grams of fake jewellery at the main branch of the same Bank on Oct. 21 and secured a loan of Rs. 79,000. Bank Manager A.B. Damayanti filed a complaint with the Madikeri Town Police Station in this regard on Dec. 7.

House burgled in Hootagalli

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (KS)- Burglars, who broke into a house, have decamped with gold jewellery worth Rs. 5 lakh from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of Thimmashetty at Kannegowda Block in Hootagalli yesterday morning.

Thimmashetty, who works as a cook, locked his house on Saturday night and had gone to the Kalyana Mantap for work.

It is learnt that the burglars struck at about 4 am on Sunday. Before breaking open the door, the burglars latched the doors of the houses on the ground floor, first floor and the opposite house. The burglars then forcibly opened the door of Thimmashetty using an iron road.

Meanwhile, neighbours, who woke up on hearing the sounds tried to come out of the house but were unable as it was latched from outside.

They then called Thimmashetty over the phone and informed him about strange sounds coming from inside his house. But the burglars decamped with 70 grams gold ornaments kept in the almirah and fled from the spot.

After being informed by neighbours, Vijayanagar Police, dog squad and fingerprint experts reached the spot and conducted preliminary investigation. Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Mandepanda Seethamma

Mysuru, Dec. 9- Mandepanda Seethamma (Ittira), wife of retired Tahsildar late Mandepanda B. Chengappa and a resident of No. 660, 9th B Cross, Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar, passed away yesterday in city. She was 91.

She leaves behind son Kushalappa, daughters Sudha and Maletira Yeshoda Biddappa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

M. Kunne Gowda

M. Kunne Gowda (95), a resident of Nimishambha Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including Ward No. 16 former Corporator M.K. Shankar, one daughter, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Janata Nagar Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

Man dies while riding his bike

Said to have suffered a heart attack on Outer Ring Road

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (KS)- A two-wheeler rider died after falling from the bike he was riding on the Outer Ring Road near Bogadi here on Saturday morning. It is said that the rider suffered a heart attack while riding the bike resulting in him losing control of the bike and fell on the road.

Ravi

The deceased has been identified as Ravi (40), son of Madappa and a resident of Nanjedevanapura village in Chamarajanagar taluk. On Saturday morning, Ravi left his village on his Splendor bike to Periyapatna and while proceeding on the Outer Ring Road near Bogadi at about 8.30 am, he reportedly suffered a heart attack.

Though the public immediately rushed him to a hospital, he is said to have breathed his last.

The incident has been captured on a CCTV Camera and Kuvempunagar Traffic Police have registered a case.

Two killed, one seriously injured as two bikes collide head-on

Bylakuppe, Dec. 9 (BRR&KS)- Two persons were killed on the spot while another sustained serious injuries when their bikes collided head-on near Chowdenahalli in Periyapatna taluk yesterday night.

While one bike was proceeding from Periyapatna towards Kushalnagar, the other bike was proceeding from Kushalnagar side when they collided head-on.

One of the deceased has been identified as Shivananda (31), a resident of Kogilur village in Periyapatna taluk, the seriously injured, who had been admitted at a hospital in Mysuru is Ambarish. The details of the other deceased bike rider, is yet to be known.

Periyapatna Police, who reached the accident spot, conducted mahazar, shifted the bodies to Periyapatna Government Hospital mortuary besides registering a case.

The Management, Principal Sr. Jiji, Administrator Sr. Josephine, and the entire staff of St. Maria De Mattias School, Srirampura, Mysuru are overjoyed to congratulate the exceptionally talented students for their delightful performance and winning 1st Place in the Grade 8-10 English song category at the 32nd Carol Singing Competition 2024, organized by the Carmel Catholic Association, Mysore. Your melodious voices and spirited performance truly captivated the audience. Well done!

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Mysuru District Police Annual Sports Meet concludes

DAR Police Overall Champs

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (MK&DM)- District Armed (DAR) Police team, with 67 points, emerged Overall Champions in the three-day Mysuru District Police Annual Sports Meet which concluded at DAR Parade Grounds in Jyothinagar here yesterday.

DAR Constable G.G. Raghunandan and Bylakuppe Police Station Police Constable H.S. Ashwitha won the Individual Championship in the Men's & Women's category respectively.

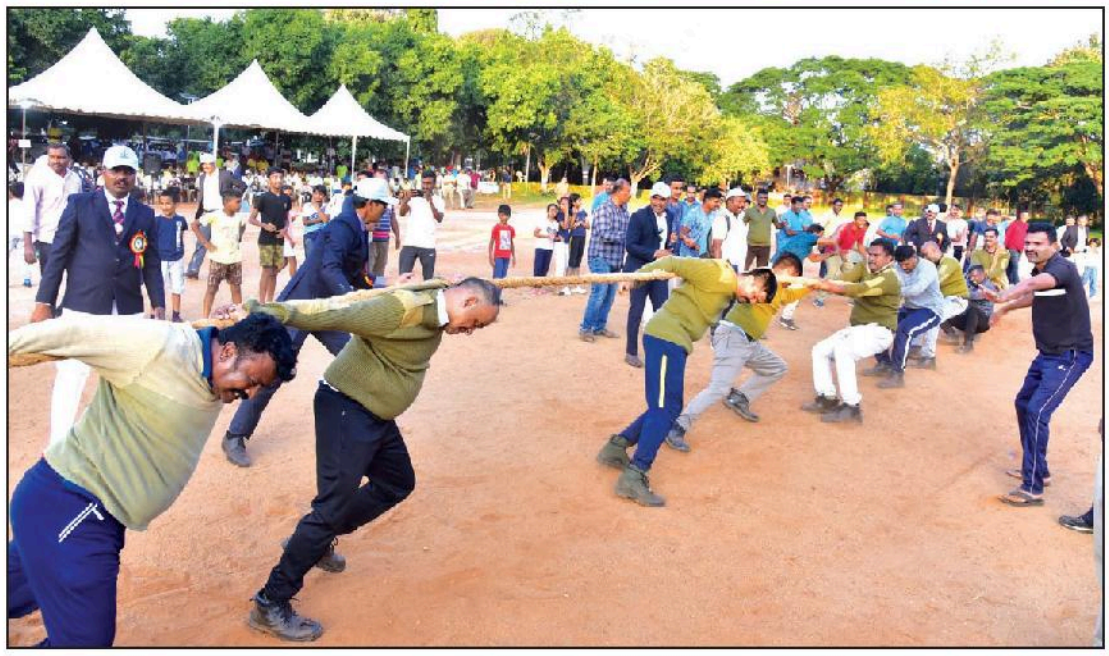
Raghunandan bagged first prize in 100 mts Sprint, 400 mts and 800 mts Running Race, Long-Jump and High-Jump, securing 25 points, while Ashwitha bagged first prize in 100 mts Sprint, Shot-Put, Long-Jump and High-Jump, securing 20 points.

Male Staff — 100 mts Sprint: G.G. Raghunandan (APC, DAR) - 1st; Anand (CPC, Nanjangud) - 2nd; Sunil Kumar (CPC, Saragur) - 3rd; **4x100 mts Relay:** DAR - 1st; Special Unit - 2nd; Nanjangud - 3rd; **Tug-of-War:** DAR - 1st; Hunsur - 2nd; **303" Rifle Shooting:** K.S. Chethan (AHC, DAR) - 1st; Shivasharan (CPC, Mysuru South) - 2nd; H.N. Ningashetty (AHC, DAR) - 3rd.

Female Staff — Tug-of-War: Team led by Geetha (PI) - 1st; Team led by Lolakshi (PI)- 2nd.

Shuttlecock Singles for PSI Officers: Mohit Kumar (PSI - Scene of Crime Officer/ SOCO) - 1st; S. Vasanth Kumar (RSI, DAR) - 2nd; Talwar Mareppa (RSI, DAR) - 3rd.

Shuttlecock Doubles for CPI, PI, RPI Officers: B. Shivaprakash (PI, K.R. Nagar) & Anand Kumar (PI, Talakad) - Winners; C. Shivananjashetty (CPI, Mysuru Rural) & Shabbir Hussain (PI, H.D. Kote) - Runners.



Shuttlecock Singles for Dy.SP and Above Rank Officers: G.S. Raghu (Dy.SP, Nanjangud) - Winner; L. Nagesh (Additional SP, Mysuru) - Runner.

Shuttlecock Doubles for Dy.SP and Above Rank Officers: H.V. Veeranna (Dy.SP, DAR) & N. Raghu (Dy.SP, CEN) - Winners; L. Nagesh (Additional SP, Mysuru & G.S. Raghu (Dy. SP, Nanjangud) - Runners.

Shuttlecock Doubles for Women Officers: Vamika & Geetha (PI, Wireless) - Winners; Sunitha & Lolakshi (PI, Bilikere) - Runners.

Shuttlecock Mixed Doubles for Officer: C. Shivananjashetty (CPI, Mysuru Rural) & Sunitha- Winners; Anand Kumar (PI, Talakad) & Vamika - Runners.

PSI and Above Rank (Male) — Pistol Shooting (PSI/RSI): V. Chethan (PSI, Varuna) - 1st, Shivaji Agasar (RSI, DAR) - 2nd, C. Nandeesh Kumar (PSI, Saragur) - 2rd; **Pistol Shooting (CPI/RPI):** C. Shivananjashetty (CPI, Mysuru Rural) - 1st; Deviprasad (RPI, DAR) - 2nd; Manoj Kumar (PI, Bannur) - 3rd; **Pistol Shooting (Dy.SP and Above Rank):** Nikitha (Dy.SP, DIG Office) - 1st; N. Vishnuvardhana (SP, Mysuru) - 2nd; H.V. Veeranna (Dy.SP, DAR) - 3rd.

Dy.SP & Above Officers — Shot-Put: N. Vishnuvardhana (SP, Mysuru) - 1st; L. Nagesh (Addl. SP, Mysuru) - 2nd, Raghu (Dy.SP, Nanjangud) - 3rd; **100 mts Sprint:** N. Vishnuvardhana (SP, Mysuru) - 1st; L. Nagesh (Addl. SP, Mysuru) - 2nd; N. Raghu (Dy.SP, CEN) - 3rd.

RSI M.K. Sunil, retired RSI M. Babu, Photographer Civil Head Constable Ravi and Drone Operator Armed Police Constable B. Sudarshan were presented a special prize on the occasion.

Delivering the valedictory address after distributing prizes to the winners, DIG (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah said that Policemen must take part in sports for maintaining physical and mental fitness. Pointing out that Policemen work round-the-clock, for which physical fitness is absolutely necessary, he said that fitness plays a key role in the Police professionalism.

Reiterating that Policemen need to practice exercises and involve in sports, the DIG said that Police personnel need to make it a practise for doing physical exercises at least four days a week.

Superintendent of Police (SP) N. Vishnuvardhana, Additional SP L. Nagesh and others were present during the occasion.

Soldiers should enter politics: MLC

Mysuru, Dec. 9 (GA&DM)- Maintaining that soldiers are the true leaders of our country, MLC C.N. Manjegowda has called upon Army servicemen to enter politics.

He was speaking after inaugurating the 'Naval Day' programme organised by Naval Veterans Association at a private Hotel in the city yesterday.

"Soldiers find it difficult to lead life after retirement. There is no one to hear their grievances in the society. As such, soldiers should enter politics in order to get their problems or grievances addressed," Manjegowda said.

A.K. Shivan of Ujire, who had taken part in the Indo-Pak wars in 1965 and 1971, being felicitated during the 'Naval Day' programme organised by Naval Veterans Association at a private Hotel in the city yesterday.

Pointing out that he entered the Legislative Council as an Ex-serviceman, Manjegowda said that it was his service in the Army that laid a solid foundation for this. He gets more time to speak in Legislature Sessions because he is an Ex-serviceman, he added.

Noting that Ex-servicemen are getting agricultural lands, tax concession, jobs and various facilities in their native villages or towns, he observed that 'One Nation-One Pension' Scheme announced by the Modi Government has benefited Ex-servicemen.

A.K. Shivan of Ujire who had taken part in the Indo-Pak wars in 1965 and 1971, was felicitated on the occasion. Businessman Mohan Kumar donated 70 chairs to the Association.

Rear Admiral Ravi Gaekwad, Association President Gajanan T. Bhat, Vice-President K.V.Uthappa, Nandan, Chandrakumar, Sanjay Prabhu and others were present.

Andhra Pradesh elephant handlers train in Dubare

Training sparks debate over elephant transfers to Andhra Pradesh; local Mahouts, Kavadis unhappy

Kushalnagar, Dec. 9 (AG& BCT)- A team of 21 elephant handlers, including 17 Mahouts and four Kavadis from Andhra Pradesh, is undergoing specialised training in handling Kumki elephants at Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu.

The training, which began in mid-November, is set to conclude on Dec. 10, after which the team will return to Andhra Pradesh. Kumki elephants are trained to tackle wild elephants, safeguard human settlements and support wildlife conservation, including forest patrols and crop protection.

This training is part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Vijayawada between the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and Karnataka in September 2024. The agreement seeks mutual cooperation in addressing wildlife challenges and it was formalised in the presence of Andhra Pradesh Dy.CM Pawan Kalyan and Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B. Khandre.

However, reports suggest that Karnataka may be planning to transfer four to six trained elephants to Andhra Pradesh under the guise of this training programme.

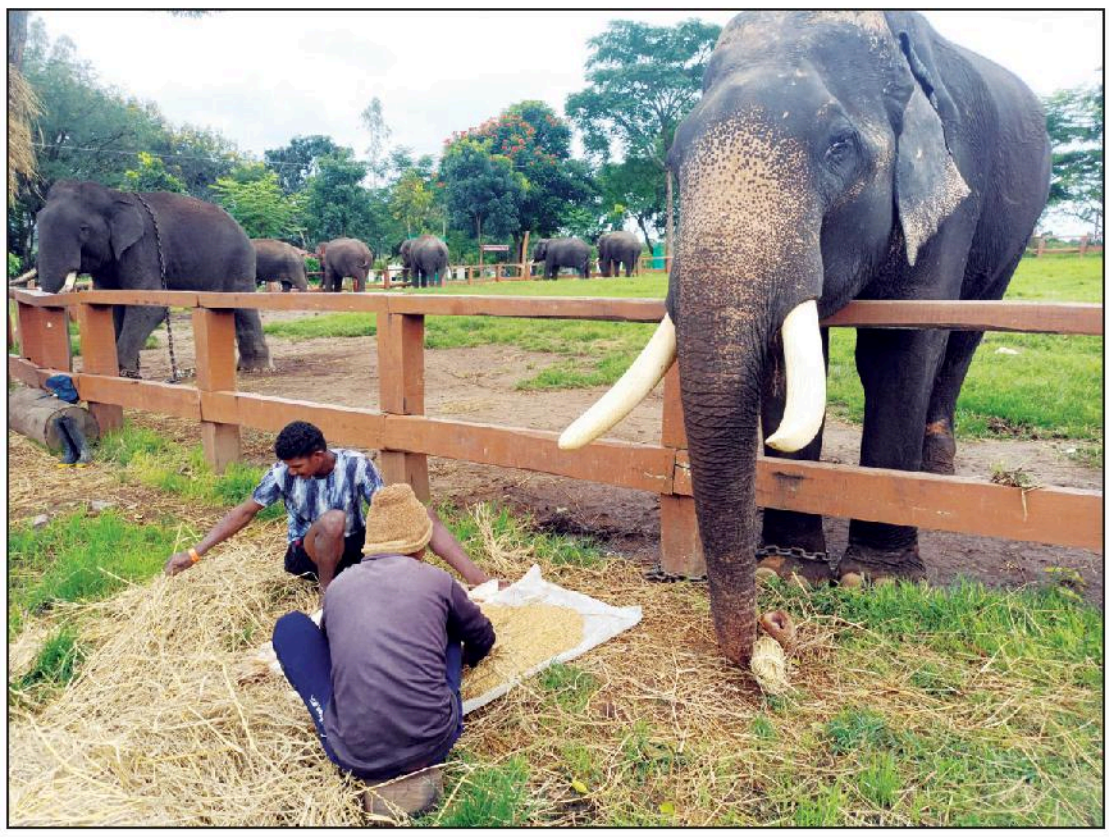
Andhra Pradesh has an urgent need for Kumki elephants, with only two elephants — Jayanth (67) and Vinayak (54) — stationed at the Naniyala forest camp in Chittoor district and are reaching retirement age. This shortage has hampered efforts to protect wildlife, prevent the theft of sandalwood and red sanders trees, conserve forests and mitigate man-animal conflicts.

Sources informed *Star of Mysore* that the training might be a cover for relocating elephants to Andhra Pradesh. Mahouts and Kavadis in Dubare are unhappy with the move, citing Karnataka's own shortage of trained elephants.

"It takes four to five years to tame and train an elephant to follow commands. We build a deep, familial bond with these animals through immense sacrifice and effort. Transferring them would not only sever this bond but also leave us jobless," said one mahout.

Forest officials, however, denied any finalised plans, stating they have not received Government orders to shift the elephants. Some mahouts countered, claiming that a proposal was discussed months ago and that Karnataka is quietly laying the groundwork for the transfer.

Reports indicate that many elephants in Dubare have already been introduced to Andhra Pradesh handlers, who are being trained to manage them. The plan reportedly involves sending a specific number of elephants to support wildlife operations in Andhra Pradesh, with fears they might not return after their assignments and will be kept there for that State's services.



A Mahout from Andhra Pradesh being trained on feeding elephants at Dubare Camp.

Meticulous training on all elephant aspects

The training programme for elephant handlers from Andhra Pradesh at Dubare Elephant Camp focuses on understanding elephant behaviour and mastering specific cues to control and direct them effectively. Under the guidance of lead trainer J.K. Dobi, the training employs a range of techniques, including the use of specialised tools, handling chains and creating loud noises to ward off wild animals.

The handlers are trained with elephants Dhananjaya, Kanjan, Vidyashree, Vijaya and Rama in foundational skills such as touching, bathing and interpreting signals. They are taught commands in specific languages, methods for balancing atop elephants and techniques like tapping the elephant's ear with their foot or patting its head for direction.

Additionally, they learn about elephant dietary requirements, including the cooking process, ingredients and feeding schedules.

To provide a comprehensive understanding, the team has been taken to other elephant camps across Kodagu and Mysuru districts, including Harangi, Mathigodu, Balle, and Veeranahosahalli. Here, they are familiarised with the unique conditions and challenges specific to each camp, ensuring their preparedness for diverse environments.

Karnataka must prioritise its elephant needs

"According to Forest Department officials, Karnataka plans to send four trained elephants to Andhra Pradesh to assist in wild elephant capture and training operations only. Since 2013, Karnataka has handed over 59 trained elephants to various States. The Forest Department must be transparent and avoid concealing facts.

Andhra Pradesh initially requested 22 elephants, but the number was scaled down to eight after Karnataka refused. Even now, sending elephants to Andhra Pradesh is not the right move. We need elephants for Dasara, other tasks and as a tourist attraction at elephant camps. Our resources are already stretched with limited elephants in the State. To capture and tame an elephant it costs Rs. 14 lakh and to fit a radio collar, it requires Rs. 22 lakh."

—Joseph Hoover, Conservationist & Wildlife Activist

Elephant handlers from Andhra Pradesh at Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu.

WORD OF THE DAY

Misbegotten

Pronunciation: miss-bih-GAH-tun (Adjective)
Meaning: Misbegotten describes things are badly planned or thought out.
Origin: In the beginning, there was begietan, and begietan begot beyeten; then in the days of Middle English beyeten begot begeten. All of the Old English and Middle English ancestors above basically meant the same thing as the modern beget—that is, "to father" or "to produce as an effect or outgrowth." That linguistic line, combined with the prefix mis- (meaning "wrongly" or "badly"), brought forth misbegotten. While the word has carried several meanings over the centuries, including "contemptible" (as in "a misbegotten scoundrel"), today it most often describes things—such as beliefs, projects, or adventures—that are poorly planned or thought out.
Example: "After some misbegotten albums and a run of singles that barely scraped the lower reaches of the chart, [Tony] Bennett split with the label in 1971." — Chris Morris, Variety, 21 July 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Gamophobia
Fear of marriage.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Water under the Bridge

Meaning: The phrase 'Water under the Bridge' refers to past events to be put aside.
Origin: The origin of the phrase "Water under the Bridge" is an ancient one; this saying is derived from an even older one that dates back to ancient Greece. Heraclitus, a pre-Socratic philosopher who lived during the 4th and 5th centuries BCE, conveyed the same idea when he coined the phrase "You cannot step twice in the same river."
Example: "Sure, we have had our disagreements in the past, but that's water under the bridge now."

QUOTE BOX

I've never dropped anyone I believed in. **—Marilyn Monroe**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this riddle

LONG
DEW

Answer :Long overdue.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Arctic explorer John
4 Monogram of the comment's speaker
7 Distinguished Service Medal, abbr.
10 Brought into existence
11 French street
12 Forewarning
14 Doing as one is told
16 Greek vowel
17 Comparative words (2,1)
18 Fastener on the clothes line?
19 Heavenly being
20 Tiny amount
21 Complain incessantly?
22 Wed successor
24 Thinks - "i.e. dates" anagram?
28 Went in front
29 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
30 Writing fluid
31 Cowered, shrunk or winced
33 Might
34 Central nervous system, acronym
35 French island
37 Actress Angelina ____
40 And for the German
41 Fish eggs
44 Famous cookie
45 Compulsion or stress
47 The French for 'blue'
48 Rough, cindery volcanic discharges
49 Onion-like herb
50 Pre-CIA spy org.
51 Robert Louis Stevenson's initials
52 Fashion monogram

DOWN
1 Pilfers
2 General location
3 Come to a full stop
4 Good wishes
5 Bribe (informal)
6 To present, as a problem or exercise
7 Serving a sentence (5,4)
8 Polluted air
9 Apportion or share out
10 Constricting snake
13 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat ?
15 BSE deal
19 Slim battery type
20 Prudent or wise
21 Impoverished conditions
22 Gentle handling, initially
23 ____ Highness : title for the queen?
25 Change the colour of
26 Girl's name
27 The upper atmosphere of the earth
32 North North East on the compass
36 Latter Day Saints, abbr.
37 Out of ___ : unemployed
38 Column support
39 Wine sediment
40 Mountain range
41 Feels remorse for
42 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
43 Comics cry
45 Average or normal
46 Stallone, familiarly

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

■	■	■	E	L	A	M	■	R	E	A	D	S
C	A	P	T	U	R	E	■	A	R	I	E	S
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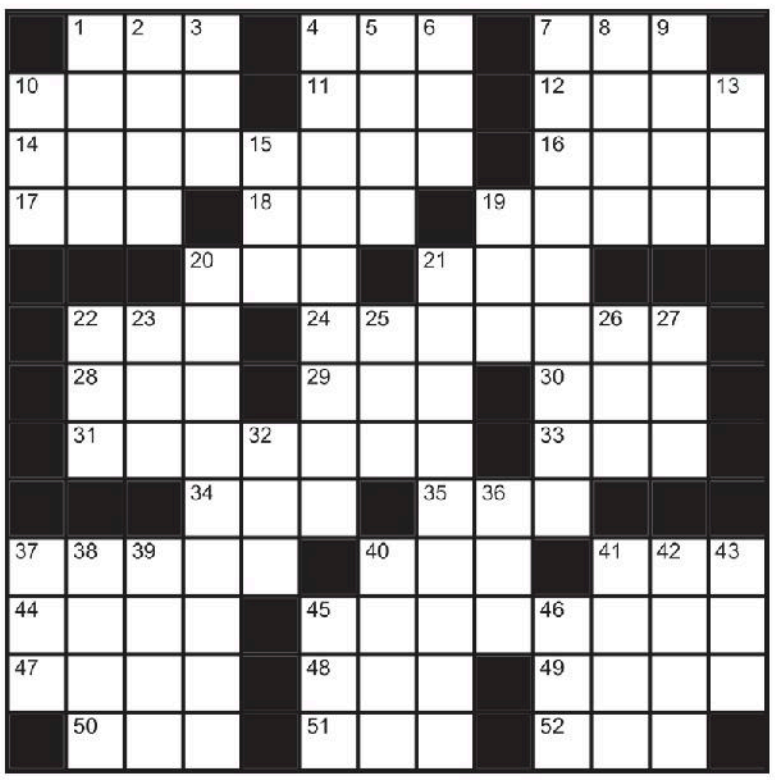

SUDOKU

						2	9	
3	9		8			4		
		2		5				7
		1	9				6	
6								2
	4				3	9		
4				1		5		
		6			7		3	4
	2	3						

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	7	9	3	1	6	2	4
9	3	2	8	4	6	1	5	7
6	1	4	2	5	7	8	3	9
4	2	3	6	1	9	5	7	8
1	5	6	3	7	8	4	9	2
8	7	9	5	2	4	3	6	1
7	6	5	4	8	2	9	1	3
2	9	8	1	6	3	7	4	5
3	4	1	7	9	5	2	8	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GZLDVNLDG VID LZGV YSBDHV CHA WNVCK VINHB

OZY TCH AZ NG VCUD C TZLMKDVD SDGV.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	(S-1)	9.50 pm: (S-2) 8.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am, 2.10 pm
		6.05 pm, 10 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	11 am, 3.45 pm, 6 pm
Solo Leveling - ReAwakening (Japanese)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
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Dheera Bhagath Roy (K)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 5.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	11.30 am, 7.45 pm
	(S-4)	2.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te)	(S-3)	4 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 6 pm, 9.45 pm

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		10.30 am, 12.30 pm, 1.30 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.30, 5.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 7.30 pm, 8.30 pm
		9.30, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	9 am, 1.10 pm, 5 pm, 10 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.10 am 1 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm
Solo Leveling - ReAwakening (Japanese)	:	12.25 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	3.05 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm
		5.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	10.30 am, 11.25 am
		2.30 pm, 4.50 pm, 6.30 pm
		8.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	5.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	11 am
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	1.55 pm
Moana 2 (E-3D)	:	3.25 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 12.30 pm
		2.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		8.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	8.55 am, 12.55 pm
		5.30 pm, 10.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	9.30 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Moana 2 (E-2D)	:	4.55 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	7.20 pm

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Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Te-2D)	:	8.35 am, 9.30 am, 10.30 am
		1.30 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.50 pm
		5.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (K-2D)	:	10 am, 6 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (H-2D)	:	2 pm, 10.15 pm
Pushpa: The Rule - Part 2 (Ma-2D)	:	10 pm
Dheera Bhagat Roy (K)	:	12.35 pm
Moana 2 (H)	:	7.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 9)

- **Impressionz:** Vaishnavi Silks expo, Boardroom, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Parakala Mutt:** 'Vijaya Yatra' of Prakrutam Srirangam Srimad Andavan Sri Varaha Mahadesikan Swamiji, Sri Parakala Mutt, near Jaganmohan Palace, **up to 9 pm.**
- **GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru and Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture amongst Youth (SPICMACAY):** Bharatanatyam by renowned artiste P. Praveen Kumar, accompanied by Smruthi Bhaskar on vocal, Dhanya Hoskere on Natuvangam, Vidya Shankar on mridanga and Shashank Jodidhar on flute, M. Govinda Rao Memorial Hall, GSSSIETW, KRS Road, **2 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Sri Rangarajan Iyengar's Birthday Memorial Concert, Sri DVS Acharya Memorial Concert and Smt. S.R. Kumuda Memorial Concert, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. N.H. Shrihari Bhat, accompanied by Vid. Yashasvi on violin, Vid. Nandan Kashyap on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata (sponsored by Iyengar Bros., USA, Leela Acharya children and H.N. Jagadish - S.R. Kumuda Charitable Trust), Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust:** Smt. K. Vanajakshamma Memorial 29th Nritya Aradhana-2024, Bharatanatyam by Vid. K.R. Vishwadeepa (son & disciple of Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao), accompanied by Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao on natuvanga & vocal, Vid. M.R. Hanumantaraju on mridanga and Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin, **6 pm;** Nritya Vaibhava - Group Dance by Nrityaniketana Kodavoor, Udupi, directed by Sudhir Rao Kodavoor and Vidu. Manasi Sudhir, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 10)

- **Sri Parakala Mutt:** 'Vijaya Yatra' of Prakrutam Srirangam Srimad Andavan Sri Varaha Mahadesikan Swamiji, Sri Parakala Mutt, near Jaganmohan Palace, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Rajyotsava awardee Maddikere Gopal (Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President), MDJA President K. Deepak inaugurates, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee felicitates, cultural thinker Dr. K. Leela Prakash delivers felicitation address, Trust President M.N. Latha Mohan presides, writer Sumathi Subramanya chief guest, Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Library & Information Centre, JSS Science & Technology University:** Inauguration of Book Exhibition, JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.N. Santosh Kumar presides, JSS STU Registrar Prof. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj and SJCE Principal (I/C) & JSSSTU Dean (Engg. & Tech.) Dr. C Nataraju will be present, College Auditorium, **11 am.**
- **Impressionz:** Vaishnavi Silks expo, Boardroom, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Mathru Mandali Girls PU College:** Endowment Programme and lecture, Mathru Mandali Educational Institution President Vijayalakshmi Urs inaugurates, Prof. G. Chandrashekar delivers lecture, quiz to students, Mathru Mandali Educational Institution Secretary Vani Prasad distributes prizes and certificates, Mathru Mandali Girls PU College Principal Vishwanath Shetty chief guest, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru City Unit President M.G. Sadanandaiah presides, Mathru Mandali Educational Institutions premises, V.V. Mohalla, **11 am.**
- **Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust:** Smt. K. Vanajakshamma Memorial 29th Nritya Aradhana-2024, conferring 'Noopura Shri' award on Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Director of Nrityalaya, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Publication Division Director Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna guest of honour, **6 pm;** Group dance by students of Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, accompanied by Prof. Ramamurthy Rao on natuvanga and vocal, Vid. M.R. Hanumantharaju on mridanga and Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin, Ganabharathi's Ramagovinda Kalavedike, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

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Artiste's Profile

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